GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
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PROTECTION OF SPACE ASSETS
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create Special Cell to protect space assets as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 11 June, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a), (b) & (c) No,Sir.There is no proposal to create a Special Cell to protect space assets.

However,Indian Space Research Organization has been taking all necessary steps to protect the Indian space assets.The steps include continuous monitoring of space objects and conducting proximity analysis for avoiding any possible collisions by accidental or incidental space debris or other celestial objects such as meteors.